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International application No.

PCT/IB98/00708

Applicant's or agent's file reference

PCT 500 1CTH

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06 May 1998 (06.05.98)

Priority date (day/month/year)

06 May 1997 (06.05.97)

Applicant

BUCHTER-LARSEN, Aksel et al

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

05 November 1998 (05.11.98)



in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT 500 1CTH	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/IB98/00708	International filing date (day/month/year) 06/05/1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 06/05/1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C12N9/88		
Applicant DANISCO A/S et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IB98/00708

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-48 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-25 as received on 08/07/1999 with letter of 05/07/1999

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-25
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-25
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-25
	No:	Claims

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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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International application No. PCT/IB98/00708

Relevant documents cited:

- (D1) WO 95 10616 A (DANISCO ;YU SHUKUN (SE); BOJSEN KIRSTEN (DK); KRAGH KARSTEN MATHIA) 20 April 1995 cited in the application
- (D2) WO 95 10618 A (DANISCO ;YU SHUKUN (SE); BOJSEN KIRSTEN (DK); KRAGH KARSTEN MATTHI) 20 April 1995 cited in the application
- (D3) GB 2 294 048 A (DANISCO) 17 April 1996 cited in the application
- (D4) WO 94 09122 A (ALGATECH AB ;KENNE LENNART (SE); PEDERSEN MARIANNE (SE); YU SHUKUN) 28 April 1994 cited in the application

Paragraph V (Reasoned statement) :

Novelty (Article 33.2 PCT):

Having regard to documents D1-D4 cited in the International Search Report, the subject-matter of new Claims 1-25, which has been restricted to a method comprising the recombinant expression of an enzyme which acts on a glucan substrate **in a plant or part** thereof is considered novel.

Inventive step (Article 33.3 PCT):

None of the documents **D1-D4 either alone or in combination would lead the skilled person to express in a plant, a recombinant enzyme which acts on a glucan substrate to produce an anti-oxidant**. Thus, the inventive step involved with the claimed matter can be acknowledged.

Paragraph VIII (Certain observations on the international application):

The following objections under Article 6 PCT are raised:

- (a) The subject-matter of Claim 1 is too broadly and imprecisely drafted and thus does not fulfill the requirements of Article 6 PCT. In order to comply with the requirements of Article 6 PCT it is proposed to replace the broad and imprecise term

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"anti-oxidant" by "anhydrofructose" (see Claim 11) and the broad and imprecise definition "recombinant enzyme", by the clear definition "glucan lyase" (see Claim 4).

(b) The number of independent claims on file should be reduced. In this context, the attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that undue repetition of wording between one claim and another should be avoided by use of the dependent form and that the relationship between the claims is clearly visible.

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CLAIMS

1. A process for producing an anti-oxidant in a medium comprising a component which is a plant or part thereof, which method comprises expressing in the component or part thereof a recombinant enzyme which acts on a glucan substrate present in the medium and/or the component or part thereof, to yield said anti-oxidant.
2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the glucan comprises α -1,4 links.
3. A process according to claim 2 wherein the glucan is starch.
4. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the enzyme is a glucan lyase.
5. A process according to claim 4, wherein the enzyme is an α -1,4-glucan lyase.
6. A process according to claim 5, wherein the enzyme comprises any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID Nos 1-6, or a variant, homologue or fragment thereof.
7. A process according to claim 6, wherein the enzyme is any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID Nos 1-6.
8. A process according to any one of claims 4 to 7, wherein the enzyme is encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID Nos 7-12, or a variant, homologue or fragment thereof.
9. A process according to claim 8, wherein the enzyme is encoded by a nucleotide sequence having any one of the sequences shown as SEQ ID Nos 7-12.
10. A process according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the anti-oxidant is produced in the plant component, or part thereof, and is then released into the medium.
11. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the anti-oxidant is

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anhydrofructose.

12. A process according to claim 11, wherein the anti-oxidant is 1,5-D-anhydrofructose.
13. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the medium, is, or is used in the preparation of, a foodstuff.
14. A process according to claim 13, wherein the foodstuff is a beverage.
15. A process according to claim 14, wherein the beverage is an alcoholic beverage.
16. A process according to claim 14, wherein the beverage is a wine.
17. A process according to claim 13, wherein the component is all or part of a cereal or a fruit.
18. A process according to claim 17, wherein the component is all or part of a grape.
19. Use of anhydrofructose as an anti-oxidant for a medium comprising at least one component which is a plant or part thereof wherein the anhydrofructose is prepared *in situ* in the medium.
20. Use of anhydrofructose as a means for imparting or improving stress tolerance in a plant, wherein the anhydrofructose is prepared *in situ* in the plant.
21. Use of anhydrofructose as a means for imparting or improving the transformation of a grape, wherein the anhydrofructose is prepared *in situ* in the grape.
22. Use of glucan lyase as a means for imparting or improving stress tolerance in a plant, wherein the glucan lyase is prepared *in situ* in the plant.
23. Use of glucan lyase as a means for imparting or improving the transformation of a

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grape, wherein the glucan lyase is prepared *in situ* in the grape.

24. Use of a nucleotide sequence coding for a glucan lyase as a means for imparting or improving stress tolerance in a plant, wherein the nucleotide sequence is expressed *in situ* in the plant.

25. Use of a nucleotide sequence coding for a glucan lyase as a means for imparting or improving the transformation of a grape, wherein the nucleotide sequence is expressed *in situ* in the grape.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

A PROCESS OF PREPARING AN ANTI-OXIDANT

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Regional Patent

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIMFurther priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Country (in which, or for which, the application was filed)	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Application No.	Office of filing (only for regional or international application)
item (1) United Kingdom	6 May 1997	9709161.5	
item (2)			
item (3)			

Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office (a fee may be required):

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Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used): ISA /

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Earlier search Fill in where a search (international, international-type or other) by the International Searching Authority has already been carried out or requested and the Authority is now requested to base the international search, to the extent possible, on the results of that earlier search. Identify such search or request either by reference to the relevant application (or the translation thereof) or by reference to the search request:

Country (or regional Office): Date (day/month/year): Number:

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

1. request : 5 sheets
 2. description : 48 sheets
 3. claims : 3 sheets
 4. abstract : 1 sheets
 5. drawings : sheets
 Total : 57 sheets

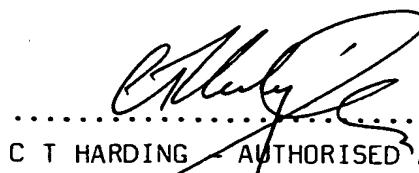
This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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 2. copy of general power of attorney 6. separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms
 3. statement explaining lack of signature 7. nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (diskette)
 4. priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): 8. other (specify): Letter

Figure No. _____ of the drawings (if any) should accompany the abstract when it is published.

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:
 3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:
 4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):
 5. International Searching Authority ISA / 6. Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT 500 1CTH</p>	<p>Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18/12/1998</p>
<p>International application No. PCT/IB 98/ 00708</p>	<p>FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below</p>
<p>Applicant DANISCO A/S et al.</p>	<p>International filing date (day/month/year) 06/05/1998</p>

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau.

If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When? Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been /is filed, see below.

How? Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PCT 500 1CTH	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/IB 98/ 00708	International filing date (day/month/year) 06/05/1998	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 06/05/1997
Applicant DANISCO A/S et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. The international application contains disclosure of a **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing** and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - filed with the international application.
 - furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - Transcribed by this Authority
4. With regard to the title, the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:

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 - as suggested by the applicant.
 - because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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